**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND JOEY TRAIL, AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER AT FORESTBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2015‑2016 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Whereas, it is with distinct pleasure that the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes educators who approach teaching with passion, creativity, and infectious enthusiasm, along with appropriate academic preparation for their fields; and

Whereas, when Joey Trail was named the 2015‑2016 Horry County Schools Teacher of the Year at the district’s annual banquet, he could not stop his joyful tears from flowing while he expressed his appreciation to more than one hundred of his peers, loved ones, and co‑workers; and

Whereas, Mr. Trail was one of five finalists honored, along with other teachers of the year from each school. Although he was deeply honored to receive the district award, he considers having been named Teacher of the Year at his own school, Forestbrook Middle, the more important award; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s degree in middle level education at Coastal Carolina University in July 2013, after spending years performing on cruise ships; and

Whereas, even though teaching was not part of Mr. Trail’s original career plan and he has only been a teacher for three years, he always has been acutely aware of the impact that educators can have on children; and

Whereas, as a youth, Joey experienced the significant influence of his teachers, especially during low points of his life, but he recognizes his mother, Drema Dominguez, as the best and strongest teacher he ever had; and

Whereas, the General Assembly, with great admiration and appreciation, is pleased to honor this exceptional educator, Joey Trail, as the 2015‑2016 Horry County Teacher of the Year, and the members join with his colleagues, students, family, and friends in congratulating him for receiving this accolade. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and commend Joey Trail, a middle school English language arts teacher at Forestbrook Middle School, for his commitment to providing quality education for the children of South Carolina and congratulate him upon being named the 2015‑2016 Teacher of the Year for Horry County Schools.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Joey Trail.

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